

GREATER LAS VEGAS ORCHID SOCIETY

THE ORCHID COLUMN

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SPECIAL EVENTS

September 12, 2010 Alan Koch "Cattleyas Growing for Everyone" Ocotber 3 2010 Norito Hasegawa "Phalaenopsis Species" November 7, 2010 Peter Lin "Dendrobium" December 5, 2010 11th Annual Holiday Party January 9, 2011 Jason Fischer "Phalaenopsis" February 6, 2011 Greenhouse Tour (so far) Dan Mumau and Mike Lawless, Clarice and Dennis Dean March 6, 2011 Ron Parsons "The Orchids of Crete" April 3, 2011 Ron Coleman, "A Survey of North American Native Orchids" May 1, 2011 Karen Muir "What Makes a Good Paph" June 5, 2011 Carol Siegel, "The Sex Life of Orchids" July 10, 2011 Fred Clarke, "Cattleyas" August 7, 2011 Barbecue

ALAN KOCH ENTERTAINS US WITH "CATTLEYA GROWING FOR EVERYONE" IN SEPTEMBER

Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids will be doing a power point presentation on the cattleyas that ANYONE (that means you!) can grow. As he says, "If you have a greenhouse it is easy to grow any type of cattleya; however without a greenhouse it is almost impossible to be successful with the standard catlleya. Through breeding and proper growth, anyone can flower these cattleya plants now. This talk makes anyone a better grower of all orchids with lots of cultural tips." Alan will be bringing orchids to sell and will provide raffle table plants. Thanks to Jackie Braverman for providing a digital projector (as well as storing hotel plants for the meeting. We are grateful to Jeanne Tinsman for picking him up at the airport and to Terry Wilsey who made his travel arrangements and is bringing him back to the airport. ALAN IS SPECIAL! Alan Koch owns and operates Gold Country Orchids where he specializes in miniature and compact Cattleyas. Alan started growing orchids in 1969 with 3 Cymbidiums given to him by an aunt. While in college he became interested in other orchids and discovered many would grow outdoors in Southern California. He has moved five times as his orchid obsession has led to the need for more growing space. With the last move, he purchased 10 acres of land in Lincoln, California for his 300,000 orchids. He is recognized as an expert in the Brazilian Cattleya alliance and a trend setter in miniature Cattleya breeding. Alan has been published in the Orchid Digest, and the American Orchid Society magazines. He has also been published in the proceedings of the World Orchid Conference. He is an internationally known speaker. He is a past member of the AOS Judging Committee, and the Research Committee, as well as an Accredited Judge and is Vice-chair and Training Coordinator for the California Sierra Nevada Judging Center. Alan also served two terms on the Orchid Digest Executive Committee and Board of Directors, and is one of the current directors, as well as a Trustee for the AOS.

Thanks to Tony Billitere for providing us with lovely and valuable hotel plants in July and August.



We really loved the terrific photography presentation by Cathy Loftfield at the July meetings. Cathy is so gracious and helpful to the club and is always doing nice, thoughtful things for us. Her talk on how to take excellent orchid pictures was very stimulating and educational, and afterwards members flocked to the hands-on section as Cathy showed us how to take pictures of orchids and their backgrounds that were set up in the rooms. What a wonderful, smart lady!!

We thank Diana Smith, Carol Siegel, Jackie Braverman, Gloria Hoffman, Wanda La Follette, and Carolyn Jones for bringing food for the meeting,

WE MAY NEED TO FIND ANOTHER PLACE TO MEET!!

The rumor is that starting in April of 2011, Lorenzi Park will be remodeled and our building will be closed for a YEAR. I can't believe that they will actually do this in these hard times, but what do I know... The Garden Clubs are looking into using the old Nevada State Museum or a recreation center. I looked into using the Springs Preserve, but it is too expensive. Terry Wilsey will look into the Winchester Center, Spanish Oaks and the Mesquite Club, and Diana is investigating the use of schools. If you have access to a clubhouse, auditorium or meeting hall, please tell us. We pay about \$1000 a year to the garden club, which includes storage, cleaning and the use of the room, and we have about 10 meetings there a year so we can afford about \$100 a month to rent a place for the year.

IT IS ALWAYS SOMETHING...

Nevada Garden Clubs will have their fall conference in Pahrums this year on October 2^{nd} . There will be a tour of the Pahrump Museum and a lunch at Tommasino's restaurant. Interested? Tell us for information. Registration is \$5 and lunch is \$20.

The Nevada Garden Clubs will be having their fall flower show on Saturday, October 23 and Sunday, October 24 at our building from 12-4.

The Southland Orchid Show www.orchidshow.org will be held at Huntington Gardens and Library on October 15-17 in Pasadena. It is a very fun show with vendors and speakers and displays.

See you in September. Love Carol 254-4168 growlove@cox.net